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TWO-FISTED ACTION SPARKS REPUBLIC PICTURES' NEW WESTERN
THE MISSOURIANS STARRING MONTE HALE
WITH PAUL HURST, ROY BARCROFT, LYN THOMAS



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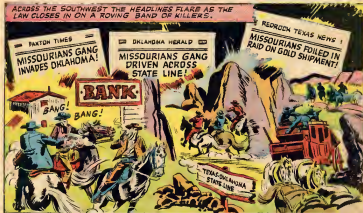
Starring MONTE HALE
as Marshal Bill Blades

BANG!

TERROR RODE THE TEXAS HILLS AND DEATH STALKED THE STREETS OF DORADO. A GANG OF OWLHOOTS HAD MADE THE TOWN THEIR SECRET HIDE-OUT AND NOW DORADO WAS A CAULDRON OF FURY AND PREJUDICE AS FRIEND TURNED AGAINST FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR AGAINST NEIGHBOR IN A FRENZIED SEARCH FOR THE HIDDEN KILLERS. BUT MARSHAL BILL BLADES HAD CLEANED UP DORADO BEFORE AND HIS FIGHTING HEART AND BLAZING GUNS WERE MORE THAN READY TO FACE THE MOST DEADLY BAND OF MURDERERS THE WEST HAD KNOWN...
The Missourians!



ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST THE HEADLINES FLARE AS THE LAW CLOSES IN ON A ROVING BAND OF KILLERS.



DRIVEN TO THE WASTELANDS,
THE KILLERS REST.

HERE'S THE PAPER, STASH.
JUST ABOUT MADE IT, TOO!
I GOT OUT OF TOWN
ONE JUMP AHEAD
OF THE SHERIFF!



LOOKS BAD,
HUH?

NICK, WE'D BETTER FIND A
HIDE-OUT PRONTO. THE
RANGERS ARE COMBING
THE WHOLE STATE FOR US!



LOOK AT US -- THE GREAT
MISSOURIANS -- TRAPPED
IN THIS WILDERNESS... AND
NOT A DIME IN THE
CROWD!

LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL FIGURE OUT
SOMETHING.





HOW'S THIS FOR A LAUGH? ... THE TOWN OF DORADO IS FAMOUS FOR NOT HAVING ANY CRIME!

HEY! THAT'S WHERE MY FOLKS LIVE!



HAW! NO DECENT CROOK WOULD SET FOOT IN THE PLACE ANYHOW. SAYS HERE THEY GOT NO BANK!

HEY, MAYBE THAT'S WHERE WE GO HIDE OUT. SURE! MY PEOPLE GOT HOME THERE.



YOU DUMB APE. I SAID THE PLACE HAS A NAME FOR KEEPING BAD MEN OUT!

THAT'S WHY WE GO TO DORADO. LAST PLACE RANGERS LOOK FOR US. AND WE GOT GOOD PLACE TO STAY TILL TROUBLE BLOW OVER.



SAY, MAYBE YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE, NICK.

DORADO, YEAH! I'LL SURE BE GLAD TO SEE MY PEOPLE.



EARLY ONE MORNING A FEW DAYS LATER, MARSHAL BILL BLADES AND HIS FRIEND, JOHN X. FINN MOVE DOWN THE TRAIL TO DORADO...

TELL ME, BILL, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER YOU QUIT AS MARSHAL?

SAY, JUST A MINUTE! WHERE'D YOU HEAR ABOUT MY QUITTING?



SAW YOU GO INTO THE MAYOR AND I KNEW WHAT WAS ON YOUR MIND... TWO AND TWO...

EVERYTHING'S IN GOOD SHAPE. THERE'S NO REASON WHY SOMEONE ELSE COULDN'T TAKE OVER.



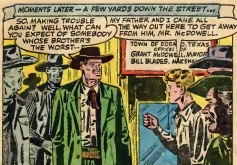
FOR INSTANCE-- JOHN FINN.

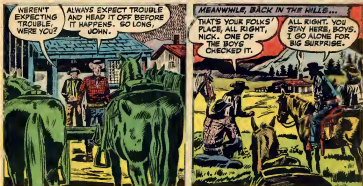
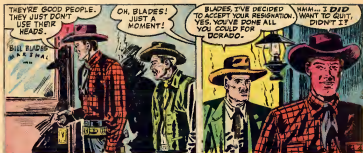
YOU KNOW HOW I RATE IN THIS TOWN! A BROKEN DOWN LAWYER LIVING ON WHAT THE MARSHAL PAYS FOR MY SERVICES.

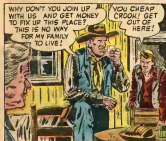


AS THE WAGON ROLLS INTO TOWN...

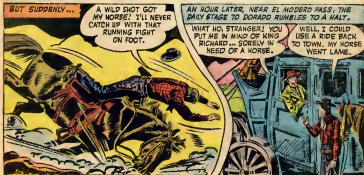
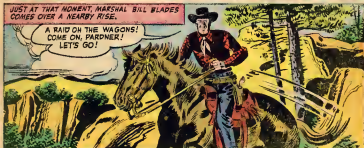


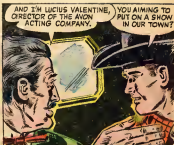
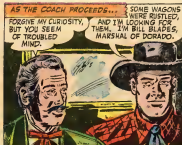


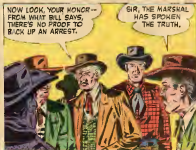


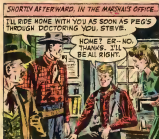


















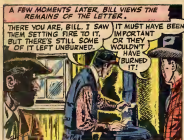




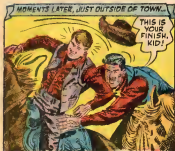


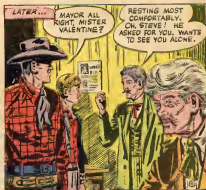




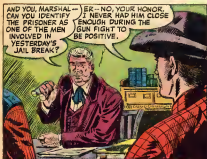






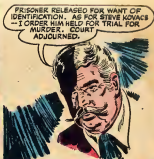






AND YOU, MARSHAL — CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE PRISONER AS ONE OF THE MEN INVOLVED IN YESTERDAY'S JAIL BREAK?

ER—NO, YOUR HONOR, I NEVER HAD HIM CLOSE ENOUGH DURING THE GUN FIGHT TO BE POSITIVE.



PRISONER RELEASED FOR WANT OF IDENTIFICATION. AS FOR STEVE KOVACS — I ORDER HIM HELD FOR TRIAL FOR MURDER. COURT ADJOURNED.



BUT WHY DIDN'T STEVE IDENTIFY HIS BROTHER?

NICK THREATENED TO TAKE IT OUT ON THEIR MOTHER IF -- ER, JUST A MOMENT, PEG.



A BULLET HOLE! SAY, THIS BLANKET COULD HAVE BEEN WRAPPED AROUND THAT GUN BY SOMEONE WHO KILLED McDOWELL **BEFORE** STEVE CAME INTO THE ROOM.



BUT WHO?

WHO WAS WITH McDOWELL IN HIS LAST MOMENTS? LUCIUS VALENTINE!



HE'S STILL OUT THERE WITH THE CROWD. KEEP HIM OCCUPIED WHILE I GET YOUR DAD AND GIVE THE OPERA HOUSE THE ONCE OVER.

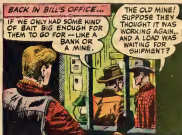
ALL RIGHT.

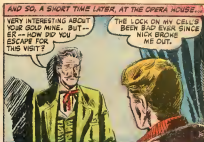


A QUICK SEARCH OF THE OPERA HOUSE REVEALS SOME **STRANGE DISCOVERIES.**

LOOK AT THIS!

MMMM... A SKETCH OF A STAGE SETTING.

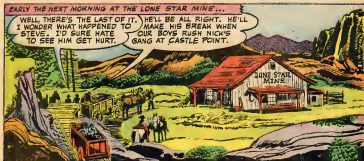




EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AT THE LONE STAR MINE...

WELL, THERE'S THE LAST OF IT. I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO STEVE. I'D SURE HATE TO SEE HIM GET HURT.

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT. HE'LL MAKE HIS BREAK WHEN OUR BOYS RUSH NICK'S GANG AT CASTLE POINT.



SUDDENLY...

ALL RIGHT, REACH! ALL OF YOU.

KEEP THEM COVERED, MEN!



ALL RIGHT, WE'RE TAKING THE WAGON. TRY ANYTHING AND WE'LL KILL THE KID.



BUT AS THE WAGON STARTS AWAY, BILL SWINGS INTO ACTION...

THE MARSHAL'S MAKING A BREAK! GET HIM!

COVER ME, BOYS! I'M GOING AFTER THE WAGON!



HE'S GETTING AWAY! AFTER HIM!

EEEEYAH!

BANG! BANG!



THEY'RE CROWDING ME HARD, BUT I'M CUTTING DOWN THE ODDS.



THERE GOES THE LAST OF MY BULLETS AND STILL ONE MAN TO GO. BUT I STILL HAVE AN ACE IN THE HOLE. I'LL HEAD FOR COVER AT THE NEXT BEND IN THE ROAD.



A MOMENT LATER, AS THE LAST PURSUER COMES AROUND THE ROAD BEND --

THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM FOR A WHILE. NOW TO CATCH UP WITH THE WAGON.



THERE THEY GO! I'M OUT OF AMMUNITION, BUT THAT HAIR PIN TURN GIVES ME AN IDEA. COME ON, PARD, LET'S HEAD FOR THAT OVERHANG.



SECONDS LATER --

WATCH IT! THE MARSHAL!



TOO LATE, VALENTINE! YOU SHOULD HAVE MOVED FASTER.



YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, BLIDES!

DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, NICK.



YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH. THIS SHOULD SOFTEN YOU UP!



UNDER MARSHAL BILL'S IRON-FISTED ATTACK, NICK KOVACS SHOWS HIS TRUE COLORS.

NO! NO MORE!
I'LL TELL EVERYTHING.
VALENTINE MADE ME
DO THIS HE KILLED
MAYOR...

I KNEW YOU'D TALK. ALL YOU
NEEDED WAS A LITTLE
ENCOURAGEMENT. NOW,
GET STEVE UNTIED WHILE
I GET THESE HORSES
UNDER CONTROL.



AND, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HI, BILL! WE CLEANED
UP THOSE OTHER HOMBRES
-- AND PICKED THIS
COYOTE UP ABOUT A
QUARTER MILE BACK.

FINE. YOU'RE
JUST IN TIME.
NOW, THIS
POLECAT'S TAKING
US TO STEVE'S
MOTHER AND THE
CHURCH
MONEY.



AND SO, ONE SUNDAY A MONTH LATER,
DORADO'S DREAM COMES TRUE.

THERE! WITH YOUR NEW BADGE,
YOU'RE ALL READY FOR CHURCH,
DAD. YOU'LL BE MORE
COMFORTABLE IN THIS
NEW SUIT BY TOMORROW--
WHEN YOU OPEN
YOUR OWN LAW
OFFICE AT LAST!

WELL, NO
ONE CAN
SAY YOU'RE
NOT THE BEST-
DRESSED
MARSHAL IN
TEXAS.



NOW THAT'S A NASTY
CRACK. BUT SEEING
THAT THERE WOULDN'T
BE ANY CHURCH TO GO
TO IF IT WASN'T
FOR YOU --

--OR A TOWN
THAT FINALLY
GOT AROUND
TO GIVING ME
A CHANCE.



BILL, WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

I'D BETTER RIDE ON AHEAD.
SOMEBODY'S GOT TO WARN THE
CONGREGATION ABOUT THAT
SUIT!





**GALLOPING HOOF
THUNDER THROUGH**

THE MISSOURIANS

**A REPUBLIC SIX-GUN DRAMA STARRING
MONTE HALE**





BIG, TOUGH **MONTE HALE** STARS AS
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